

# KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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## To our readers:

KIDSNET is pleased to present the new design and format for the "KIDSNET UPDATE" publication, which now includes our Mission Statement and will continue to be sent to all KIDSNET providers and users.

With this new format, we are also expecting to make the "KIDSNET UPDATE" easy to read, and more relevant to the work you do. Your input is very important to us in this process, so we would like to invite you to contact your Provider Relations representative by phone or email at [JanetL@doh.state.ri.us](mailto:JanetL@doh.state.ri.us) 222-1026 or [DeniseC@doh.state.ri.us](mailto:DeniseC@doh.state.ri.us) 222-4613 if you have any suggestions or ideas for articles and topics to include in future editions.

Thanks for your continuous support and interest in KIDSNET.

**KIDSNET Book Bag Giveaway to the "50 users in a day."** We are close to having 50 web users on the web site in a single day. Please watch the Message of the Day box on the login page for an announcement indicating we have reached that milestone. We will list the 50 users and give each a KIDSNET book bag. Remember, you can't win if you don't log on to the web!

**Immunization Update:** The Immunization Program expects that a contract for the new meningococcal conjugate vaccine, Menactra, will be in place very soon. The Department of Health will begin supplying Menactra immediately upon the start of the contract. The highest priority for Menactra vaccine should be children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and those entering college who will be in "congregate living" situations.

**Lead Screening:** In February, six practices ran a report of patients in need of lead screening: Bald Hill Pediatrics, BVCHC Pawtucket, BVCHC Central Falls, Spectrum Family Practice, Northwest Health Center and Wakefield Pediatrics. Great job!

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**Vaccine Information Statements (VIS):** VIS forms are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese at the Department of Health; order forms are enclosed in this mailing. VIS forms in other languages are available on line at: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/index.htm>

**Provider Participation:**

We welcome two new providers in KIDSNET: RI Healthcare Family Practice, Hillside Family Practice, and two new School Districts: Middletown and West Warwick. As of this month, 106 of the approximately 150 pediatric providers are participating in KIDSNET. While progress has definitely been made in this area, KIDSNET is now working with the Health Plans providing care to managed care enrollees in the state, and are jointly developing a plan to engage all other pediatric practices and encourage them to become participants. We hope that the Health Plans' support will add to our current efforts to increase provider participation in KIDSNET in the coming months.

**KIDSNET Indicator:**

Every three months, KIDSNET assesses the maturity of the database by measuring the proportion of children who have immunization data in KIDSNET. As of April 2005, our records indicate that of the 118,120 children in the database who are residents of Rhode Island and are at least 2 months old, 77% of them have at least one immunization recorded in the system, in addition to the Hepatitis B administered at birth. This measure of the KIDSNET maturity has increased from 74.3% in April of 2003, when there were 85 participating providers, compared to 106 provider sites with current access to KIDSNET.

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